

To the Learned Gentlemen
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GENTLEMEN!



THESE labours following, being come of late into my hands barely, without title or subscription ; partly moved by certain of my dear friends, but especially by the worth and excellency of the Work, I thought it well deserving my labour, to participate them to your judicial views : where, both for variety of conceits, and sweet Poesy, you shall doubtless find that which shall be most commendable, and worth your reading. The Author, though at the first unknown (yet [has been] enforced to accord to certain of his friends' importunacy herein, to publish them, by their means, and for their sakes) [is] unwilling, as it seemeth, to acknowledge them, for their levity ; till he have redeemed them, with some more excellent work hereafter. Till when, he requesteth your favourable and indifferent censures of these his over-youthful Poems ; submitting them to your friendly patronages.

Farewell I this of May, 1593.
